State sector project. The land and structure of the school belonged to the project. In terms of the Rehabilitation Policy, adopted by Government of Uttar Pradesh, those who were settled at OTT as on cut-of date 6-6-1985 were entitled to rehabilitation benefits. Accordingly, the then Project Authorities allotted the land to the Convent School on 7-3-1986 in New Tehri Town (NTT). This land was undeveloped and cost of land was deposited by the school authorities.

The educational institutions (both public and private) which existing prior to 6-6-1985 have been allotted land at New Tehri Town irrespective of the fact whether they were having their own land or not.

Setting up of Goutami Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh

2857. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has given clearance way back in 1996 to set up a fast track Goutami Plant in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company failed to stick to the deadline agreed upon in an MOU to set up the plant in 18 months; and

(d) if so, the action being contemplated by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) No, Sir. The 358.9 MW Gautami combined cycle power plant in Andhra Pradesh was awarded on the competitive bidding route by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GOAP) in 1996. the project does not require Techno-economic clearance of the Central Electricity Authority.

(b) The details regarding the project, are as follows :—

Capital Cost	:	Around Rs. 984.50 crores.
Configuration	:	1×244.42 MW Gas Turbine+1×114.48 MW Steam Turbine.
Station heat rate	:	1850 kcal/Kwh
Fuel	:	Naphtha

(c) This is not an MOU route project. As informed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GOAP), this is one of the short gestation projects conceived on the competitive bidding route. One of the conditions imposed in the global bids for short gestation projects was that the first unit of the power stations should become operational in 18 months from the date of signing of Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The project has not achieved financial closure as yet due to the non-availability of a payment security mechanism.

(d) Considering that this project has offered the least tariff, least component of foreign debt servicing charges and best station heat rate among all the sanctioned projects in the State, and the high cost of naphtha, the State Government has proposed allocation of natural gas for the project with a view to expedite financial closure.

Installation of Power Project in Tripura

2858. SHRI KHAGEN DASS : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for installing of 500 MW power project in Tripura to be implemented by NEEPCO; and

(b) if so, the time-frame by which the project report will be prepared and project executed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) During the Conference of Power Ministers' of North Eastern Region and Sikkim held at Guwahati in January, 2000, the State Government of Tripura requested for the execution of Combined Cycle Gas Based Thermal Project (500 MW) as a Central Sector Project through North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO).

Before the investment decision for the project is considered, completion of modalities like signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the State Government and NEEPCO, tying of gas linkages, obtaining the environmental and forest clearance as well as techno-economic clearance from the Central Electricity Authority would be required. In addition to the above, it will also be necessary to tie up funding arrangements and evacuation of power from the project. The project is envisaged to be completed in four years time after the investment approval is accorded to the Project.